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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Aging

Introduced by:
(AGE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE STATE-FUNDED
PORTION OF THE HOME-CARE PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (i) of section 17b-342 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2005*):

4 (i) (1) On and after July 1, 1992, the Commissioner of Social Services
5 shall, within available appropriations, administer a state-funded
6 portion of the program for persons (A) who are sixty-five years of age
7 and older; (B) who are inappropriately institutionalized or at risk of
8 inappropriate institutionalization; (C) whose income is less than or
9 equal to the amount allowed under subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of
10 this section; and (D) whose assets, if single, do not exceed one hundred
11 fifty per cent of the minimum community spouse protected amount
12 pursuant to Section 4022.05 of the department's uniform policy manual
13 or, if married, the couple's assets do not exceed [one hundred fifty] two
14 hundred per cent of said community spouse protected amount.

15 (2) Any person whose income exceeds two hundred per cent of the

16 federal poverty level shall contribute to the cost of care in accordance
17 with the methodology established for recipients of medical assistance
18 pursuant to Sections 5035.20 and 5035.25 of the department's uniform
19 policy manual.

20 (3) On and after June 30, 1992, the program shall serve persons
21 receiving state-funded home and community-based services from the
22 department, persons receiving services under the promotion of
23 independent living for the elderly program operated by the
24 Department of Social Services, regardless of age, and persons receiving
25 services on June 19, 1992, under the home care demonstration project
26 operated by the Department of Social Services. Such persons receiving
27 state-funded services whose income and assets exceed the limits
28 established pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection may continue
29 to participate in the program, but shall be required to pay the total cost
30 of care, including case management costs.

31 (4) Services shall not be increased for persons who received services
32 under the promotion of independent living for the elderly program
33 over the limits in effect under said program in the fiscal year ending
34 June 30, 1992, unless a person's needs increase and the person is
35 eligible for Medicaid.

36 (5) The annualized cost of services provided to an individual under
37 the state-funded portion of the program shall not exceed fifty per cent
38 of the weighted average cost of care in nursing homes in the state,
39 except an individual who received services costing in excess of such
40 amount under the Department of Social Services in the fiscal year
41 ending June 30, 1992, may continue to receive such services, provided
42 the annualized cost of such services does not exceed eighty per cent of
43 the weighted average cost of such nursing home care. The
44 commissioner may allow the cost of services provided to an individual
45 to exceed the maximum cost established pursuant to this subdivision
46 in a case of extreme hardship, as determined by the commissioner,
47 provided in no case shall such cost exceed that of the weighted cost of

48 such nursing home care.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2005	17b-342 (i)
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Statement of Purpose:

To increase eligibility.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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